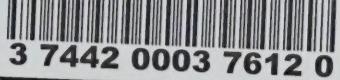
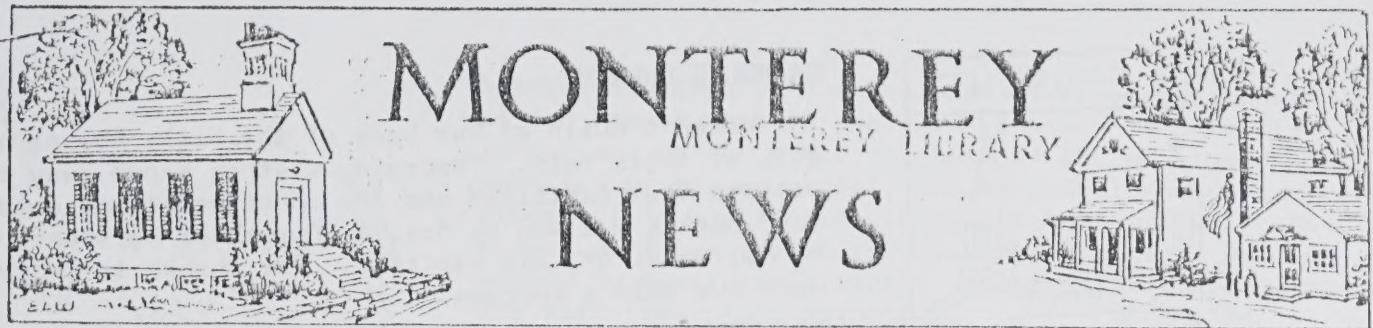


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OUR TOWN



Lake Garfield Association

A meeting of the Lake Garfield Association was held on August 27. The dam gates will be opened October 29 by the Selectmen. As they are opened gradually, it will take approximately two weeks to draw down the six feet. The '76 freeze was successful, the only problem being muck on the bottom. A few weeds have started to return.

Motor boat violations were noted on the lake. The question was also brought up about rules pertaining to planes landing on the lake. This will be investigated.

It was voted to sign a letter received from the Selectmen, requesting funds under Section 314 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act for a harvester. The Town is assisted by Tom Otto and Rick Hall of the B.R.P.C. (Berkshire Regional Planning Commission) in making application for funds and working out a long-range program.

It was voted to endorse establishing a Public TV station in the Berkshires. This suggestion came from Peter Vallianos, and though not pertinent to Lake Garfield, was supported by the group as a need in the Berkshires.

Monterey Celebration Weekend

The Monterey Arts Festival was condensed this year into a Celebration Weekend which was perhaps more festival than art, but which had its share of both. Festivities began with a concert by Karl Finger in the nave of the United Church of Christ. Karl is an accomplished guitarist who works in the tradition of those generous musicians who give folk music, for at least a fraction of an evening, back into the hands of the people. The church reverberated with hand clapping and diverse harmonies. There was a succession of blues, folk and novelty tunes. Everybody was smiling. After more than two hours of uninterrupted music, Karl received a standing ovation.

On Saturday morning there was a Farmers' Market in Greene Park. About a dozen vendors showed up with an assortment of wares which ran the gamut from gift cards through garden vegetables to Golden Retriever puppies.

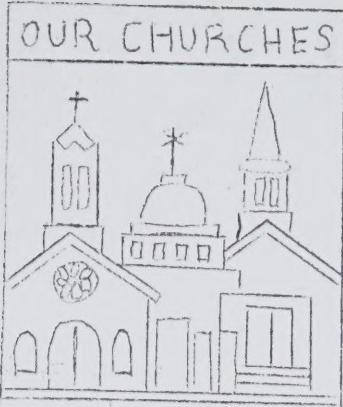
Beginning at 5:30 townspeople gathered on the grass for a picnic. Peter Vallianos, a member of the celebration committee, not only arranged to have charcoal grills available for barbecuing and a bevy of watermelons for dessert, but also, in a wonderful burst of inspiration, persuaded the Town to purchase a volleyball set for the occasion. Quilts were spread, hamburgers and fresh corn steamed on the grills, and the volleyball bobbed back and forth in the background. As twilight began to fall, people gravitated toward an assemblage of instruments and musicians, now known collectively as the Tanglefoot Dance Band. There were a banjo, a guitar, a string bass, a fiddle, a recorder and a mandolin on stage. There was a piano ensconced stylishly in the back of a pick-up truck. Penelope Naumann gave instruction in a succession of English contre-dances, and everyone danced in celebration of the summer, the August harvest and the exuberant communalitv to be found in Monterey.

The climax of the celebration came with the ecumenical worship on Sunday morning. Helen Weiss represented the Jewish community and Eugene O'Connell the Roman Catholic community as worship leaders. Dr. Virgil Brallier gave the sermon on "Heritage and Hope." Musicians representing the three faiths were in the choir. Comments were made by several persons following the event, "Why can't we worship this way more often?"

Monterey Resident Honored by New York University

Dr. Benjamin Zackim of Monterey was recently notified by the president of New York University that a laboratory in the advanced education in prosthetics program of the School of Dentistry is to be named in his honor.

Dr. Zackim is a graduate of New York University's School of Dentistry and had a private practice in New York City for 45 years before retiring and moving to Monterey three years ago. He and his wife, Helen, were summer residents of Monterey for 40 years before deciding to make it their permanent home.



CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Women's Guild of Our Lady of the Hills Chapel netted \$391 at their fair. The rainy weather drove away the seven artists that exhibited and the consignment tag sale. The food basket was won by Mrs. A. Byrnes of Egremont, the wine by Mr. Mensi of Lake Garfield. Our thanks to everyone that made our sale a success.

Our Lady of the Hills Chapel is closed until next summer. Mass at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday at the Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Kindergarten each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Monterey Church Commended for Giving to 17/76 Fund

17/76 Achievement Fund accompanying the letter the Monterey Church giving averages \$33.07 per member, and is seventh in per capita gifts to this fund which is designed primarily to help black United Church related colleges achieve a stronger educational position.

Educational Programs Being Developed

is being used.

Recently our minister received a letter from Avery Post, Minister and president of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, commanding our church for being one of the 32 churches in the Conference pledging gifts to the 17/76 Achievement Fund averaging more than \$20 per member. In the statistical report accompanying the letter the Monterey Church giving averages \$33.07 per member, and is seventh in per capita gifts to this fund which is designed primarily to help black United Church related colleges achieve a stronger educational position.

A variety of approaches are being made toward fulfilling an educational ministry in the community. Already underway is the kindergarten-nursery class, meeting on Sundays at 10:30. Donna Sheridan is the teacher. An attractive new curriculum

A single class will be held for children in grades 1-4. This will meet following school on Wednesdays and will begin in October. Lois Ryder will be the teacher. An assistant is being sought at this time. Further announcements about this class will be made soon.

The Monterey Youth Group is being reconstituted around a younger group this year, and will encompass youth from the 5th through 8th grades. It will meet on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. Its activities will fulfill both social and educational needs. Virgil Brallier will be in charge of this group. Any community youth in this age group are invited.

A small group has been meeting very recently, exploring some fresh approaches to adult learning experiences. Plans have not developed far enough to announce any specific program at this time.

SUMMER ENDS

Clan by clan the warblers
That charmed us by their piping,
Tremoloing, twittering,
To the pearl-white dawn --
They've left their airy bandstands
In the dripping treetops,
And, circling in the windy sky,
Clan by clan have gone.

Half of summer was the languor
Of summer softly dying.
In the arms of autumn.
Now the autumn's flare
Of color on the hilltops
Is the autumn crying,
"Summertime is over,
Take care, take care!"

Margery Mansfield



Special meetings of the Board of Directors were held at the Farm August 12 and 13. Eighteen members attended one or the other or both of the meetings, which were led by the President, the Rev. Paul Kennedy. The present life and future promise of the Farm were discussed at length, matters which the Directors had long wished to consider in depth. The regular annual meeting will take place October 8.

In the summer issue of the MONTEREY NEWS we somehow failed to note the arrival of the Chapmans, Hugh, Patricia and their three-year-old son, Justin. Until recently they had been living on a small organic dairy farm in Wales. There they heard, from a former visitor here, about Gould Farm. Hugh is assistant to Dan Reuter at the barn. The family seems to be comfortably settled at Snow Cottage. Justin enjoys the animals and everyone else enjoys Justin.

When McKee House opened, July 19, Mrs. Ellen Tulloch was on hand to welcome the first residents and help them get settled. Ellen, who attended high school in Great Barrington, is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and has her Master's degree in Education from Westfield State College. She has taught at the college level, and most recently has worked at a school for the emotionally disturbed in Amherst.

Virginia Faesy, Erl Gould and Hadley and Elizabeth have been having a good time, vacationing in Nantucket.

Evelyn Chamberlain was glad to have, as recent visitors, her grandson Knight Chamberlain and his fiancée, Kathy De Vane; also Knight's mother, Mrs. May Chamberlain, and three McIntosh cousins. Knight and Kathy are seniors at St. Andrew's College in North Carolina. Kathy is majoring in music. She and Knight entertained briefly at Gould Farm and also in Monterey, after the community dinner.

Rose McKee

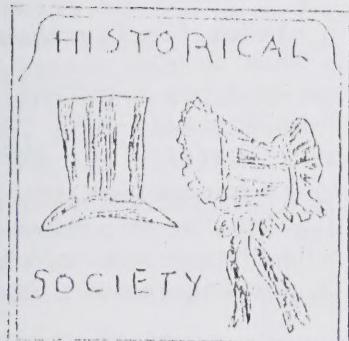
MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

Monterey Grange met August 17 for "Pink and Green Sash Night." Guests were present from Amherst, Worthington, Milford, Sandisfield, Sheffield, Great Barrington and Stockbridge. A variety program was enjoyed by all. Deputy Arthur Lyman from Amherst acted as Master. It was voted to do some repairs on the Hall.

On August 23 Monterey Grange filled the chairs at Umpachene Grange.

September 7 was an open meeting, when Officer State Overseer Vernon West and suite of Williamsburg conducted the installation of officers program.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer



In 1739 John Brewer of Hopkinton established the first mill in Housatonic Township #1. This industry was located on the stream flowing from Twelve Mile Pond, now called Lake Garfield. Since that time there have been many industries in Monterey dependent on water power, and dams on the Konkapot were common.

As the town grew in population many mills were started, and as they increased in size, a steady supply of water was needed. A large dam was built on the outlet of the Lake. By controlling the flow a meadow could be flooded, thus providing a reservoir from which water could be drawn in dry weather.

Early in the 19th century the Hydraulic Company of Monterey was formed to purchase the land to be used as the reservoir. There were many changes of ownership in the reservoir, with the privilege of lowering the Lake when necessary for water power.

When the area became a summer resort in the early 1900's, with many boarding houses and guests who enjoyed swimming, boating and fishing, as they do today, the need for a full lake was evident.

In August, 1913, a sum of \$6,010 was raised to purchase the water rights. A large percentage of the money was given by the summer residents, and a plaque was erected at the dam in appreciation of their help. The plaque was quarried and inscribed at the Lee Marble Company.

When the new dam was erected several years ago the plaque was removed. Wallace Tryon rescued it, and now the Monterey Historical Society would like to again place it at the dam.

The fall meeting of the Monterey Historical Society will be on Saturday, September 24, at 8:00 p.m. Elizabeth Dennis, librarian of the Lee Library, will be our speaker. Her topic, "Legends of the Area," should be of great interest to all.

Sally Fijux
President

DISORDERING AND REORDERING

Why cannot life go smoothly? Why do we so often make progress by going through periods of disruption? If only we were a little smarter, couldn't we find a way for individuals and organizations to bypass the disordering process in the course of development? Will you join me for a short time in wondering about the persistent role of disorder in helping the new come into being?

How many are the ways in which a new stage of life comes only by breaking the old! The chick claims its life by breaking to pieces the comfortable shell that protected it through the early period of its life. It breaks down what was once an imperative necessity. The caterpillar forms the cocoon to serve during its time of transition. Eventually comes the thrust of new life and the safe, comfortable cocoon is broken asunder so that the butterfly may appear. A baby is born. It is no wonder the process is called labor. The mother is caught up in a process of pain and sacrifice. The older life of the mother and the younger life of the baby are engaged in what seems a life and death struggle. Indeed, sometimes mothers are so broken and torn that they literally give their lives on behalf of the newborn one.

Look whichever we will, we discover some form of disordering flowing through the life process. The secret of it seems to be that the old is broken that the new may appear. When the new is ready to appear, frequently the old is shattered to make the way ready.

Object as we may to this process, most of us observe it with great faithfulness in the way our lives develop. My carefree childhood is broken by my turbulent adolescence. Finally I am willing to pay the rite of passage and gain adulthood. Now, I tell myself, "I've found my course. I can settle in." Then something strikes me unawares. To my amazement I am at sea again. After my disordering I find my course once more and proclaim to all that now I have seen the true light and I will hold onto it for the rest of my days. Then I come to this mysterious period called middle-age. Seemingly out of nowhere self-doubts begin to appear. I question my work, my values, my achievements. Much that I hold dear is falling to pieces in my hands. I can't stop it simply by telling it to go away. But when this disordering "has completed its work," I find a new meaning and purpose forming itself within me. The sun shines again. Life has taken on still another perspective.

So the process continues through life until finally in old age I find even the body I had depended on to serve me through is breaking down. If I have gained perspective enough by this time, I may have the presence of mind to ask, "I wonder what the next act is going to be like, once this period of disordering has completed its work?"

It is an amazing drama, don't you think? You and I encounter a whole series of disorderings and reorderings in the course of a lifetime. Every time we come into a disordering period we complain that it doesn't make sense. We feel under a cloud. We wonder if we have come to the end of the road. Then, to our amazement, another road appears!

It becomes hard to escape the fact after awhile that there is a wisdom flowing through these periods of disordering. It is a deeper part of our lives than we can consciously see. Yet let me not disclaim this wisdom as a real part of myself. I know that my disorderings are not simply something that is done to me. I have a real part in them. I break down the old securities just as surely as the chick shatters the shell which protected it. Let me hasten to add, if I were consciously in control of the process, I'd likely never let it happen. When I have a good thing going for me, do you think I'm crazy enough to willfully sabotage it? So now I have no choice but to trust a deeper wisdom in me than I can ordinarily see. Yet it's there working for me, even when I sometimes suspect it is trying to do me in.

Hosea, the prophet, surely was describing this very paradox of our lives when he declared,

(The Lord) has torn, that he may heal us,
He has stricken, and he will bind us up.

Recently at a spiritual retreat a woman prayed, "O Lord, the beautiful fabric of my life has been broken. Take the broken pieces and make your new pattern." You can feel the story behind her words. Her life had seemed beautiful, good, complete as it was. Now a time of shattering has come. The beautiful, beloved pattern is in disorder. Who wants to let go of it? Who will let go of it unless it becomes broken and useless? Not me! I will use it as long as it works for me. How about you?

Why am I writing this? I am concerned that we are so slow to recognize and flow with this disordering process which is so intimately a part of life's reordering. Most of us have no real complaint about the new, even the reordering. What scares the wits out of us is the disordering. May we finally gain the perspective to see that they are simply the two different faces of the same process.



SCOUTS

Cub Scouts Registration for Pack 51 (including Monterey and New Marlborough Cubs) took place in the Mill River Town Hall on September 14. Boys attended with parents. The guest speaker was Ken Pollard, Associate District Executive for the Appalachian Trail District of the Boy Scouts of America.

PARK COMMISSION

Out of the 53 children participating in the Town's swimming program this summer, the following passed swimming tests in the categories named:

Swimmers: Peggy O'Connor, Mary Ann Leuchs, Suzanne O'Connor, Tara Bradley.

Intermediates: Tod Clark, Robert Candee.

Advanced Beginners: Douglas Brown, Ellen Whitbeck, Robert Stevens, Katie Bradley, Michele Grotz, Connie Amstead.

Beginners: Steven Brucale, Diedre O'Sullivan, Michael Stevens.

Those passing tests in Lifesaving were as follows:

Basic Water Safety: Kevin Bradley, Tara Bradley, Tod Clark.

Advanced Water Safety: Daniel Wing.

Renewal of Advanced Water Safety Status: Ellen Pedersen.

MONTEREY YOUTH GROUP

The Monterey Youth Group is being reconstituted this fall for a younger age level. The first meeting will be on Sunday, September 18, at 5:00 p.m., in the church social room. Pizza and cake will begin the evening. There will be a get-acquainted period. Planning for future meetings will also take place. Those participating will be largely of pre-teen age.

4-H NEWS

This summer was more active than usual for our 4-H members. The 4-H Fair was held this year at the Barrington Fair grounds, so that meant more participation from area members in getting things ready, by way of painting and general cleaning of the 4-H exhibit halls. Steven Brown, Kevin Bradley, Kenny Heath, Mark Macuk, Kris Heath, Shawn and Scott Ryder represented our various clubs in helping out.

The fair was a great success, with many ribbons being won by the Heaths, O'Connors, Ryders, Bynack and Thomson. Trophy winners from town were Kristine Heath for the Horse Project and Shawn Ryder for Photography and Visual Presentation.

A Vegetable Judging contest was held Sunday afternoon at the Fair, with the winning team consisting of two members from Monterey. Awards went to Mark Macuk and Shawn Ryder of Monterey. Mark Makuc was highest scorer of all the contestants entered.

The 26th Barrington Fair 4-H Achievement Banquet was held Sunday, September 11. Attending from town were Kristine Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Heath, Shawn Ryder and Mr. and Mrs. John Ryder. Kristine and Shawn received presentations for their work in various 4-H projects.

Earlier in the summer the Horticulture or Vegetable Judging Contest, held at Worcester August 9 was represented by three 4-H members from Monterey. Shawn Ryder and Mark Makuc went as seniors, John Makuc as a junior. The senior team came out in fourth place in Massachusetts. Congratulations to Mark Makuc for being one of the top five in scoring.

The small engine club, The Monterey Piston Poppers, held meetings till the middle of July. Everyone has dismantled his engine and has cleaned all parts. Meetings will start up in September with the reconstruction of the engines and the hope that they will run.

The Great Barrington Camera Club has an exhibit at the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield for the month of September. Douglas MacKenzie and Shawn Ryder, 4-H members of the club, have colored prints on display in the exhibit.

Lois Ryder
4-H Reporter

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Gravity Car Race

The third annual Gravity Car Race was held on Wallace Hall Road Sunday afternoon, September 4, a little slicker, a lot longer and just as much fun as last year. For the drivers Jed Lipsky wangled a set of downhill ski racing bibs, each bearing a number and the sententious slogan, pis bruin. Entrance requirements remained the same: hand-built vehicles having no power and no brakes -- three heats, with the average of each driver's best two runs taken as his competition time. Maximum weight 275 lbs.

Entrants and vehicles (eleven of them) weighed in on a bathroom scale in the middle of Sandisfield Road. Originators of the race, Billy Russell and Peter Markett, drove cars made mostly out of wood. Peter's car, the Red Star Express, steered by what could only be called reins, sprang disjointedly onto the track and careened toward the finish line. On the other hand, the ineffable elegance of Billy Russell served rather to overshadow all but the sculpted and polished steering wheel of his oak-chassied vehicle. Kurt Holter's bentwood car, described by an onlooker as looking "a little like a tennis racquet," was fashioned of steamed elm and furnished with a seat of woven string. Comic relief among the wooden cars was provided by Keith Loveless, rumbling heavily down the hill, head first on a Flintstonian machine with wheels cut out of plywood.

Roger Tryon and John Sellew made their car out of a swing set, old bicycle tires and bracing. Blue Hill Logging Co. wisely provided its heavy vehicle (perforated iron box frame, Triumph Herald front end) with a light driver, Jeannie Mercier. Lightest of all, at 165 lbs., were Nick Monjardo and his oversized tricycle, a sleek hybridization of Raleigh five-speed and Garden Way Cart with a foot bar in lieu of a seat. Pinnacle Bike Shop enclosed last year's three-wheeler with an improbable fiberglass nose, adorned with teeth and eyes. Steve Moore was the driver.

First and second prizes (respectively and \$55) were won by Bob Stevens and John Dinan, who collaborated on a pair of cars made out of scrounged pipe. Minor differences in weight and wheel size brought Bob in first. John Sellew in his swing set placed third and won \$35.

Prize monies were provided by the following sponsors: Foster Hardware, Alice Brock, Glendale Restaurant and the Gravity Car Race Committee.

Community Sing Planned for October 9

On Sunday, October 9, at 4:00 p.m., a community sing is being planned. Weather permitting, it will take place at the dam on Lake Garfield. In case of inclement weather it will be in the church social room. Further details will be available nearer the time of the event.

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